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1. A May Day celebration was held at 1:00 p.m. on 1 May 1950 on the premises of the Central Labor Union (CLU) at 61 Ice Factory Lane, Sathorn Road, Bangkok. Soon Kitchamnong, Secretary General of the Central Labor Union, was the host. A substantial number of businesses were closed for a half day on 1 May 1950.
2. Written invitations to the CLU celebration were sent to labor associations, the staffs of pro-Communist publications, and prominent leftist individuals. Approximately 120 representatives of the following labor groups and publications were in attendance: the power plant workers; the street car workers; the Makasan locomotive repair workers; Thai Industries, Ltd. workers; rice mill workers; saw mill workers; land and water transportation workers; samlor workers; the Government Tobacco Factory workers; Chuan Min Pao; Mahachon; Maitri Sarn; Lak Chai; Naew Na; and Siang Thai.
3. Thienthai Apaichatabut presided over the meeting. In an address to the gathering he apologized for the absence of Prince Sakon Worakarn Worawan and Phya Saraphai Phipai, both of whom had been invited and had been expected to deliver speeches. Thienthai talked on the importance of May Day and at the conclusion of his address read the following telegram which the CLU had sent to the Committee of International Trade Unions in Peiping:

"On the occasion of international labor's commemoration day, the Central Labor Union of Thailand wishes to express its deepest admiration for your brilliant success, following the recent Peiping Conference of the Asian Australian Federal Trade Unions' Missions, in your arduous task of maintaining world peace by defending the interest of the working classes."

"We, the Central Labor Union of Thailand, will unswervingly follow the decisions of the Assemblies of the International Federal Trade Unions and the Asian Australian Federal Trade Unions' Mission to their fulfillment. We wish all workers of all nations, as well as the Committee of the International Trade Unions, the happiness and health which will strengthen the defense of the interests of all workers and the lasting peace of the world."

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4. Representatives of the press and various labor organizations introduced themselves and made brief speeches. Thienthai closed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. with the statement that the CLU would assist the workers of Thai Industries, Ltd., in their strike efforts until justice triumphed.
5. After the CLU celebration, most of the representatives of the labor groups attended a Soviet movie at the Mahachai Theatre which showed 1949 May Day celebrations. Tickets to the movie had been distributed in advance by the CLU.

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